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Minutes for the November 16, 2021 Meeting

Present: Edgar Gay III, William Hanna, Kevin Downing, Gloria Palmer

Staff: Daisy Delano, Director and Linda Coelho, Assistant Director

Mr. Downing called the meeting to order at 1:00 p. m.

The October 2021 minutes were presented. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The October 2021 financial report was reviewed. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The October 2021 circulation report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

New Business:

- The city is updating the contact information for board and committee members. A city of Taunton email address is available to all board members if they choose to utilize the service. The Board declined the option of another email address to keep track of.
- The circulation supervisor recently attended a SAILS circulation roundtable. Among the topics discussed was how everyone was faring with reopening after being closed due to Covid 19 for a year and a half. Similar to our library, all SAILS libraries have seen a dramatic drop in patron traffic compared to pre-Covid. Many smaller libraries have shortened hours again due to lack of patrons. While we are glad that we are not alone in the post-Covid changes, we are hoping that will change as the Covid situation improves.
- The library has recently acquired a movie/tv streaming service for libraries called Kanopy. It works similar to other streaming services such as Netflix, but is free to library card holders.

Old Business:

- The current library hours continue to work well. They are Monday through Thursday 8-8, Friday 8-5, and Saturdays 9-4. The summer hours are the same with closed Saturdays for the month of July and August. Dr. Hanna made a motion to make these hours permanent. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved. These hours provide the library with 64 open hours which is above the requirement for state accreditation and state aid.
- The library continues to operate without security personnel.

Friends' Report: None

Correspondence: None

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held **December 21, 2021 at 1 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Coelho